

Charter Members Recall Early Days as Woman's Club Marks 35th Anniversary

Memories, spiced with humor, were recalled by charter members of the Torrance Woman's Club at the tea given in their honor last Wednesday afternoon at the clubhouse. The club which was organized on March 18, 1921, was also celebrating its 35th anniversary. It's first president, Mrs. C. W. Stock was present at Wednesday's meeting to marvel at the growth and accomplishments of this group which she had guided through its first formative year.

That organization meeting, so many years ago, was held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Gilbert. They chose the name of Vista Highland Neighborhood Club. Serving on that charter officer panel with Mrs. Stock were Mrs. O. Ody, vice president; Mrs. T. Harris, secretary; and Mrs. A. C. Reese, treasurer. Other charter members listed on the yellow minute pages are Mrs. Bert Crossland, Muelley, Margaret Davis, D. A. Barnard, M. Beckwith, J. S. Miller, J. Young, John Sach, Jeanette Dean, Brawman, Shook and E. Gall. They held a candy and pie sale and bought an American flag.

On May 15, 1921, the group annulled the constitution and chose the name Woman's Club of Torrance. They met in various homes and in the old Stephen Hall. This first group of women worked hard in hand with the PTA, which now boasts over 8,000 members.

FEDERATE IN 1921
In that first year, this group of energetic women sponsored a baby show and assisted with the Torrance Fiesta. It was in November of that year, with 57 members, that the local group entered the district and state federation.

During that first Christmas season, they sold seals for the Consumptive Home and assisted disabled veterans of the first World War and helped the "Legion boys."

They had fun, too. The minutes show that they were supposed to practice the "national air" and to this day club meetings are opened with the flag salute and the singing of a national anthem.

In the spring of 1922, they were invited to their first reciprocity day. It was in Hercules Beach. They also jobbed forces to "Save the Redwood" and served their first Chamber of Commerce dinner.

This civic minded group went on record as opposing the drilling for oil on the school grounds and it was they who planted the first carob trees on the school grounds.

DEDICATE CLUBHOUSE
Highlight in these aged minutes is the groundbreaking for

their clubhouse, purchased through the selling of shares, in October of 1925, the dedication was held with Wallace Post the spokesman for the Woman's Club cooperation. Robert Deninger was the president of the board of trustees and Mrs. C. H. Parks was club president.

In her dedication speech, Mrs. Parks said "We dedicate this building first to kindness, for kindness begets a broader vision... and to progress, for if we have kindness, tolerance and understanding, we shall progress."

And now, 35 years later, the club boasts a membership of 157, and a clubhouse and properties investment, estimated at \$38,000.

Those who have served as president of the club since Mrs. Stock, 1921-22 Mrs. Frank Sammons, 1923-23; Mrs. John Young, 1923-24; Mrs. J. M. Fitzhugh, 1924-25; Mrs. Carrie Parks, 1925-26; Mrs. J. S. Lancaster, 1926-27; Mrs. W. M. Brooks, 1927-28; Mrs. Frank Sammons, 1928-29; Mrs. Caroline Collins, 1929-30; Mrs. W. J. Neelands, 1930-31; Mrs. O. W. Hudson, 1931-32; Mrs. A. W. Johnson, 1932-33; Mrs. M. J. Beale, 1933-34; Mrs. H. C. Barrington, 1934-35; Mrs. A. H. Sillige, 1935-36; Mrs. E. A. Miles, 1936-37; Mrs. C. E. Mitchell, 1937-38; Mrs. George Morgan, 1938-39; Mrs. R. R. Smith, 1939-40; Mrs. Chris Jones, 1940-41; Mrs. W. I. Laughon, 1941-42; Mrs. S. V. Rauss, 1942-43; Mrs. D. L. Sears, 1943-44; Mrs. B. T. Whitney, 1944-45; Mrs. B. W. Roberts, 1945-46; Mrs. R. J. Roger, 1946-47.

BOOK REVIEWS
At Wednesday's meeting Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, president, conducted a business meeting and introduced the charter members. As a program, Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, Torrance librarian and club member, reviewed a series of current books. She was presented by Mrs. L. A. McCoy, program chairman. A silver tea followed with Mrs. C. T. Rippy as chairman. The lace covered table was centered with an arrangement of green and white call lilies. The St. Patrick motif was evidenced in the shamrock napkins and green tapers.

Assisting Mrs. Rippy were Mrs. C. T. Blakney, W. D. Jones, Warren Johnson, Paul Loring, Harry Mansie, John Melville, E. A. Miles, A. S. Moore, H. R. Moritz, W. C. Moyer, Charles Mullen, Michael Neckerman, H. J. Osborne, John Oursler. Others were Mrs. A. E. Falmes, Darwin Parich, J. R. Patrick, George Peckham, Howard Percy, Albert Posner, S. V. Rauss, B. W. Roberts, A. Robinson, H. C. Sandberg and R. V. Russell.



THROUGH THE YEARS... they have worked together in support of the Torrance Woman's Club, which now takes its place with the outstanding women's clubs in Southern California. These charter members were there last Wednesday to be especially honored when the club celebrated its 35th anniversary. Each, as she was introduced, reminisced for the present club.

many interesting epochs in those early days. Honored charter members are, from left, Mrs. F. B. Clark, Mrs. A. Zamperini, Mrs. Jeanette Dean, Mrs. M. Beckwith, Mrs. John R. Sach, Mrs. E. Gall, Mrs. J. S. Lancaster and Mrs. Mayme Stock, the club's first president, holding the gavel. (Herald Photo)

April 27-29 Dates of Local Garden Club's Flower Show

Mrs. A. C. Turner, president of the Torrance Terrace Garden Club has announced that the annual flower show will be held this year on April 27, 28 and 29 at the Civic Auditorium. The entry classifications and program for the three day show will be announced in the near future.

'YW' Honors Mrs. Conklin At Lovely Tea

Mrs. Cora Conklin, honorary member of the board of directors of the Harbor YWCA and life member of the association was honored by members of the board at a tea held at the home of Mrs. Louis Lada in San Pedro. Approximately 40 members and friends who have been co-workers with Mrs. Conklin called during the afternoon. Mrs. Conklin has been a member of the YWCA for approximately 40 years, having organized the International Institute in San Francisco in 1918, when the Institute was a part of the YWCA.

Since coming to this area almost 30 years ago, Mrs. Conklin has been associated with the local YWCA and has taken an active part in the program dealing with the nationalities groups. She served for many years as a member of the Nationalities Interest committee. Mrs. Elsie Morris, executive director, spoke during the afternoon paying tribute to Mrs. Conklin and her leadership and the quality of her life. Mrs. Conklin responded with a tribute to the YWCA. A certificate and a parchment scroll which was a "Testimonial of Appreciation" were presented to Mrs. Conklin by Mrs. Arnold Ecklund, president of the Harbor District Board of Directors. Music was provided by Betty Blackstone who played two violin solos, Passe Pied (Gillet) and Ave Maria (Bach-Gounod) accompanied by Barbara Bullock.

Mrs. Robert Gardner, past president and life member, presided. Mrs. Conklin, with her sister, Mrs. Blanche Randall, also a guest at the tea, will move from Palos Verdes shortly to make their home at Pacific Home in Los Angeles.

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Lioness Club To Entertain

Plans for a pot luck dinner on March 20 to honor the wives of new Lion's club members was planned by the Lioness club at its meeting at the home of Mrs. Ruel Moulton, 2224 Torrance Blvd.

In the absence of the club president, Mrs. H. J. Osborne, the vice president, Mrs. Abe Robinson, conducted the business session. The pot luck dinner will be held at the home of Mrs. D. C. Moshos, 2870 Trotter Terrace. The door prize was won by Mrs. Albert Isen. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Attending the meeting were Mrs. A. K. Peterson, H. Bowman, J. H. Tichie, A. Eisen, H. Burke, M. Farral, W. B. Hickox, L. M. Isbell, J. Krueger, E. Jacobowski, H. Olson, R. Peterson, F. Radisch, A. Robinson, L. Spring, A. F. E. Ewalt, and Miss Frances Dimitri.

AT MOTORAMA

Mrs. and Mrs. Jack Dabbs and children, Marilyn and Steven, 1640 Juniper, spent last Monday at the Pan Pacific, where they attended the Motorama.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS

Royal Neighbors Sewing Group, Cora Hill, president, will hold their regular pot luck luncheon at the Woman's clubhouse, 1422 Engracia tomorrow at noon. All members are urged to attend.

Capt. Wilbrecht and Family To Leave Soon for Germany

Leaving this week for Ramstein, Germany, where they will make their home for the next three years, will be Captain and Mrs. Lloyd C. Wilbrecht and two children, Linda and Scott, 1024 Crenshaw Ave.

Captain Wilbrecht, who has been stationed with the United States Air Force in Greenland, arrived home on Feb. 23. During his Greenland assignment, his family has resided here. Linda, six-year-old daughter, attended Fern-Greenwood School. The Wilbrechts will make the trip to Germany by air and are scheduled to arrive at Ramstein Air Base on March 24.

Winona Smith Married to Sgt. Brydson on March 2

Coming as a surprise to their many friends was the wedding which took place at 4:15 p.m. on March 2 in Long Beach, in which Miss Jettie Winona Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Seaborn, 2227 Andreo, became the bride of Sgt. Thomas B. Brydson, son of Mrs. Mabel Brydson of Los Angeles.

Judge Percy Light officiated at the marriage ceremony. The bride wore a spring print of blue celanese and a navy linen coat. Completing her costume was a small white hat and orchid corsage.

The bride was graduated from Torrance High School in 1948 and El Camino College in 1950. She majored in elementary education.

The bridegroom has served with the United States armed forces for the past 15 years. He received his education in the Long Beach and Los Angeles school and entered the Navy. He is now in the Army and is stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Club Hostess

Mrs. R. D. Bolen entertained her sewing club last Thursday evening at her home 2372 Torrance Blvd. After spending the evening sewing and visiting, the hostess served refreshments. Members of this group are Mrs. Mmes. Robert Stewart, Kenneth Lockman, John Agapito, George Diehr, Robert Tolson, John Barrington, Richard Marshall, and Jerry Long. The club will be entertained at their April meeting at the home of Mrs. Diehr in Lomita.

Jesterettes Meet Here

Maub Yves S. Jesterettes affiliated with the Al Malakian Shrine of Los Angeles met at a Torrance restaurant for dinner Monday evening. Mrs. Addie Parks, new directress was in charge of the meeting. After dinner the group went to the Parks home, 2839 Eldorado for the initiation of a new member, Mrs. Carl Rundberg. Attending the meeting with Mrs. Parks and Mrs. Rundberg were Mrs. J. E. Miller, David Jones, Catherine Bowman, Eva Eicholtz, Alice Slater, Ruth Peabo, Margaret Hatch, Fern Engel, Fern McMullen and Mildred Baum, national royal leading lady of Pacific Palisades.

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Breakfast Club Party

Mrs. and Mrs. Faye Parks entertained the Breakfast Club at a pot luck dinner last Sunday evening at their home, 2630 Eldorado. Spring flowers decorated the dinner table. After dinner card games were enjoyed. Attending the affair were Mrs. and Mrs. O. E. Fossum, Messers and Miss Stan Morse, J. E. Miller, David H. Jones, Archer Lewis, Abe Shrinar, Mrs. Florence Childs, and Wallace West, Roland Niles and the Parks' two granddaughters, Ann and Patricia Montague.

FAMILY TREK

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On Wednesday, March 7, the South Bay Alliance of Delta Delta Delts held a farewell luncheon at beautiful La Verda Inn in Palos Verdes in honor of Mrs. M. M. Musselman of Manhattan Beach. Mrs. Musselman, who is moving to Riverside, will be greatly missed by her many friends. At the luncheon, which followed a board meeting, she was presented with a set of silver teaspoons as a "going-away" gift. Mrs. Musselman is past-president of the Tri Delt alumnae group and has been an active participant in the group's activities. Present at the luncheon were: Mrs. James S. White, Walter D. Uptegraff, James Cole, Ray Clinton, C. C. Todd, Keith A. Crown, Cecil O. Sharratt, Edward B. Wilder, M. M. Musselman, Frank E. Washburn, Donald S. Kane, George Braham, Carl Stoffers and Pauline Lindsay.



CAPT. AND MRS. LLOYD WILBRECHT ... Linda and Scott (Herald Photo)



MRS. THOMAS F. BRYDSON ... To Live in Virginia (Herald Photo)



TO BE INSTALLED... at the meeting of the South Bay Alliance of Delta Delta Delts, Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. James White in Manhattan Beach are from left, Mrs. Cecil Sharratt, secretary; Mrs. Ray Clinton, president; and Mrs. Ronald Holt, treasurer. Mrs. James Cole is past president, and others assisting the board are John Basler, Mrs. Carl Stoffers, Mrs. Walter D. Uptegraff, Mrs. Frank E. Washburn, committee chairmen. Mrs. Keith A. Crown and Mrs. M. M. Musselman are South Bay Panhellenic delegates. (Herald Photo)